

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment Applicant has canceled claims 18 and 19 and amended claims 17, 20-23 and 26.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 and amend claims 17, 20-23 and 26:

17. (Amended) A mobile communication terminal comprising:

[at least] message receiving means for receiving a message sent from a communication partner sending at least the message;

storing means for storing a reception history of the messages received by said message receiving means;

displaying means for displaying the contents of the reception history of the messages stored by said storing means,

[detecting] retrieving means for [detecting] retrieving address information from the contents of the reception history of the messages displayed on said displaying means [,and];

first displaying control means for, in the case that there are a plurality of pieces of address information retrieved by said retrieving means, causing said displaying means to display the retrieved address information in such a manner that the retrieved pieces of address information can be discriminated from one another;

selecting means for selecting specific address information from the address information caused to be displayed on said displaying means by said first display control means;

second display control means for deciding a type of the specific address information selected by said selecting means on the basis of a character string indicative of address information and for causing said displaying means to display an operational command corresponding to the selected address information and its decided type; and

registering means for registering with a directory the address information [detected by said detecting means] caused to be displayed on said displaying means by said second display control means, in response to the operation of the displayed operational command.

20. (Amended) The mobile communication terminal according to claim [19] 17, further comprising editing means for editing said [detected] retrieved address information before registering said information.

21. (Amended) The mobile communication terminal according to claims 17 [to 20] or 20 wherein a method of registration is changed in accordance with the type of the address information [detected] retrieved by said [detecting] retrieving means.

22. (Amended) The mobile communication terminal according to [claim 17 to 20] any of claims 17, 20 and 21 wherein [said directory has personal information about the communication partner with the personal information being] personal information about the communication partner is registered with the directory in such a manner that the personal information is associated with the registered address information.

23. (Amended) The mobile communication terminal according to claim 22, wherein said registering means has associating means for associating said [detected] retrieved address information [associating] with the personal information about the communication partner to register the associated information before registering said address information with the directory.

26. A signal control method for a mobile communication terminal, said method comprising the steps of:

[at least a first step of] receiving a message sent from a communication partner sending at least the message;

[a second step of] storing a reception history of the messages received in said [first] message receiving step;

[a third step of] displaying the contents of the reception history of the messages stored in [the second] said storing step;

[a fourth step of detecting address information from the contents of the reception history of the messages displayed in the third step; and

a fifth step of registering with a directory the address information detected in the fourth step]

retrieving address information from the contents of the reception history of the messages displayed in said displaying step;

controlling displaying step so as to display a plurality of pieces of address information retrieved in said retrieving step in such a manner that the retrieved pieces of address information can be discriminated from one another;

selecting specific address information from the address information caused to be displayed in said displaying step in said controlling step;

deciding a type of the specific address information selected in said selecting step on the basis of a character string indicative of address information and controlling said displaying step so as to display an operational command corresponding to the selected address information and its decided type; and

registering with a directory the address information, whose type has been decided in said deciding and controlling step, in response to the operation of the displayed operational command.